

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending, of which claims 1-14 are allowed and claims 15-20 are rejected. By this paper, Applicant amends claims 15 and 18-20, and cancels claims 16 and 17.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsuchiya (U.S. 7,072,139). By this paper, Applicant has amended claim 15 to depend from claim 1, which the Examiner has allowed. Claim 15 has been amended to avoid any improper antecedent basis with base claim 1 and no new issues have been raised by this amendment.

Claims 16 and 17 have been canceled.

Claim 18 has been amended to depend from claim 15 and to avoid any improper antecedent basis. Additionally, claim 18 has been amended to add limitations regarding an impact force, which were originally in claim 15. No new issues have been raised by this amendment; and no new matter has been raised by this amendment.

Claims 19 and 20 have been amended to avoid any improper antecedent basis with new base claim 1. No new issues have been raised by this amendment.

Since claims 15 and 18-20 depend from allowed claim 1, these claims are allowable as well.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1-14 are allowed.

Claims 15 and 18-20 are also allowable for depending from allowed claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is hereby requested.

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

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